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## **Husqvarna to Add 160 Jobs in Charlotte**

*JDIG Helps Outdoor Power Tool Company Relocate its North American HQ*

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Bev Perdue announced today that Husqvarna, a global leader in outdoor power equipment, will double its Charlotte workforce with the opening of a new North American headquarters. Husqvarna plans to add 160 workers over the next three years and invest \$2.75 million in the project. The company currently employs 160 workers in Charlotte.

“This decision by a top international company such as Husqvarna shows what trade magazines have long said – that Charlotte is among the nation’s best places to live and do business,” Perdue said. “I will continue working aggressively to create opportunities across the state that put our people to work.”

Husqvarna is based in Sweden and employs more than 15,000 workers in 42 countries. It is the world’s largest producer of chainsaws, lawn mowers and other gas-powered garden equipment such as trimmers and leaf blowers. Its products are sold in North America under many brand names including Husqvarna, Poulan, PoulanPro, Weed Eater, Dixon, Gardena and Jonsered.

The company’s North American subsidiaries include Husqvarna U.S. Holding Inc., Husqvarna Professional Products Inc. and Husqvarna Consumer Outdoor Products N.A. Inc., among others. The company plans to consolidate its Consumer Outdoor Products subsidiary currently headquartered in Augusta, Ga., with its Professional Products headquarters in Charlotte to form one North American headquarters in Charlotte.

Mike Jones, president of Husqvarna North America/Latin America Sales and Service Division, said the decision to move the headquarters from Augusta, Ga., was not an easy one. “However,